



Congressman Sullivan discusses the new Medicare prescription drug benefit with area seniors.

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Please tell me what you think

- 1) Do you think you have been well informed about the new Medicare prescription drug program and its benefits and options? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2) Do you feel tax increases would hamper the growth seen in the economy and job sectors so far this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3) What do you think is the most important issue facing Congress today?



CONGRESSMAN John Sullivan

Working for Oklahoma Seniors

In 2003, I helped lead the effort to provide America's seniors with a prescription drug benefit that would reduce the cost of their medication. Today, the plan is up and running, and seniors can now sign up for this important initiative and start receiving the benefit January 1, 2006.

The new prescription drug program offered by Medicare will help America's seniors afford the cost of vital medication. **Everyone with Medicare coverage is eligible for the voluntary coverage, regardless of income level and resources, pre-existing conditions, or current expenses.** This benefit will help America's seniors stay healthy longer, and reduce the burden of financing the often-costly expense of prescription drugs. All seniors should seek information about the program, and sign up at their earliest opportunity.

If you are eligible for Medicare, you should be receiving information in the mail on how you can sign-up for this important new benefit. In addition, my office and local Social Security offices are available to help you learn about your options and choose a program that best suits your needs.

Sincerely,

Fast Facts About the New Plan

- ✓ *The Medicare drug benefit is voluntary.*
- ✓ *You pay an annual \$250 deductible and a monthly premium averaging \$30.*
- ✓ *Medicare pays 75% of drug costs up to \$2,250.*
- ✓ *Extra assistance is available for seniors with limited incomes and resources.*

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and talk to a Medicare representative, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Mark your calendars!

Sign up has begun

January 1, 2006: Medicare Rx Drug coverage begins.

May 15, 2006: Last day to join the benefit plan for 2006 without paying a higher premium.

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